<u>REMARKS</u>

The above amendment returns Claim 20 to its status prior to the last submitted amendment. This amendment is made solely to put the claims into better condition for allowance or appeal. Appeal Brief is submitted herewith. The amendment to Claim 20 introduces no new matter, nor any new issue for appeal, and, as a previously examined claim, clearly does not necessitate a new search.

This amendment was not earlier presented because it was in the Final Office Action that the issue of the declaration and the alleged lack of support for the subject matter introduced into Claim 20 was first cited by the Patent Office as a basis for maintaining the §102(a) rejections.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants submit that the instant amendment is proper, and respectfully request entrance prior to consideration of the accompanying appeal brief.

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